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WHAT THE BOARDS COST.

The state board of agriculture outside of its enormous printing bills, cost the state in 1889, \$10,600.

The railroad commissioners cost \$12,500 with printing added.

The historical society without printing cost \$4,250.

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The commissioner of forestry, a highly important official, was under an expense in one year of \$7,500.

The live stock commission costs \$8,000 a year.

The state board of charities is under an annual expense of \$5,000.

Three directors of the penitentiary use \$1,800 per year for mileage and per diem.

The state mine inspector is paid \$2,000 and the fish commissioner rakes in \$1,500.

The horticultural society was assisted to the extent of \$2,000 a year, and the state board of pardons roped in \$2,500.

The figures given are all taken from the auditor's report of 1889, when the republicans were in full control of the legislature.

Most of the members of the so-called board travel about the state on passes; still they charge up railroad fare to the state. They put in vouchers for hotel bills and eat at the tables provided by the state in the public institutions. These same institutions furnish them with sleeping rooms, and when they make their periodical visits there is nothing too good in the markets to be purchased with the state's money for their consumption. Until the alliance legislature regulated the enormous expenditure in this direction a large dining-room was maintained in the penitentiary at Lansing for the entertainment of all republican politicians who desired to visit the place with their families. The officers of the prison in this magnificent dining-room boarded their families and their friends' families, and the state treasury was drawn on to foot the bills. The house committee last year investigated the establishment, and on its report the farmers declined to make any further appropriation for the splendid free hotel. The result is that there are no more guests entertained there at public expense and the state penitentiary is no longer noted for its lavish hospitality. Republican orators will find their traveling expenses materially increased this year because they will be unable to patronize the numerous state hotels that were scattered about so promiscuously two years ago.

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